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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I live in a rural community and as I understand it, this extra charge is to help cover costs of providing services to the rural areas. We already pay more for most everything - calling one mile down the road is long distance, we don't have the internet because the long distance charges would break our budget. (We even have no choice between cable tv and a dish - there's no cable coverage where we're at).

My husband and I each have a cell phone because we drive long distances to work and in the Minnesota winter, this can be dangerous. We generally use our phones in emergency situations and rarely call more than 50 miles from our home. In addition, our home is in a dead spot, so we can't use our phones there. This makes the plans that give you many free evening/weekend minutes unacceptable.

Please, give us a break!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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